Folding Bath Tub Company

Annual Catalog

Marshall, Mich.

The Comforts of a Modern Bath Within Reach of Every Home.

INTRODUCTORY. . . .

LUXURIOUS necessity is the greatest accomplishment of inventive genius and a real boon to mankind. The Folding Bath Tub Co. of Marshall, Mich., are the inventors and originators of the folding bath tub and were in the business when bath tubs were looked upon as a luxury and only enjoyed by the wealthier classes, who were able to have a fully equipped bath room. It is not so now, however, and to-day the folding bath tub is not only considered a luxury but a necessity in every home and is becoming as popular as a folding bed or dresser. The folding bath tub is not only an economical investment but a decided ornament in any room and our various styles are the best and handsomest made.

We have kept fully abreast the times in improvements and prices and today it is possible to get twice the value for the same money that you could a few years ago.

Your attention is directed to illustrations and prices on the pages which follow.

Yours Respectfully,

THE FOLDING BATH TUB CO.,

MARSHALL, MICH.

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FRENCH PATTERN

Beveled French Plate Mirror

28X16

Oak Cabinet, Raised Panels.

Arranged for Gas, Gasoline or Oil Burners.

The Comforts of a Modern Bath Within the Reach of Every Home.

5 ft. 6 in.,	copper lined, .	$50.00. 33.33
5 ft.	copper lined, .	48.00.
5 ft. 6 in.,	zinc lined, . .	44.00. 29.33
5 ft.	zinc lined, . . .	42.00.

Where Heater is not required deduct $10 00 from above list.

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FRENCH PATTERN

Beveled French Plate Mirror

12X12

Oak Cabinet, Raised Panels.

Arranged for Gas, Gasoline or Oil Burners.

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5 feet 6 inches, $46.00—Copper. 30.66
5 feet, . . . 44.00—Copper.
5 feet, 6 inches, 40.00—Zinc. 26.66
5 feet, . . . 38.00—Zinc.

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FRENCH PATTERN

Diamond Wood Panel

12X12

Oak or Ash Cabinet, Raised Panels.

Arranged for Gas, Gasoline or Oil Burners.

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5 feet 6 inches, $42.00—Copper. 28
5 feet, . . . 40 00—Copper.
6 feet 6 inches, 36.00—Zinc. 24
5 feet, . . . 34.00—Zinc.

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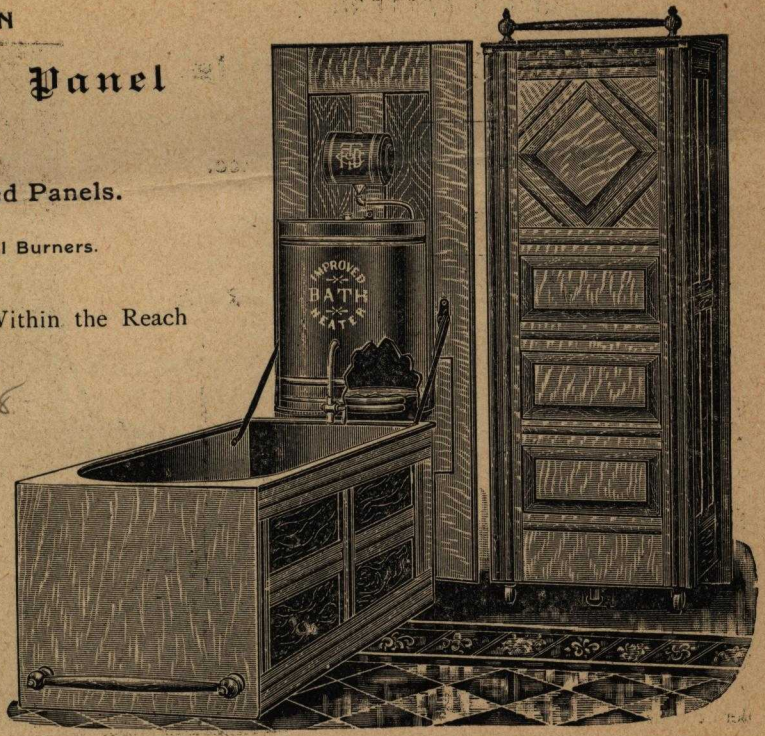

FRENCH PATTERN

Ash Cabinet Flat Panels.

A Unique Bath at a Moderate Price.

Arranged for Gas, Gasoline or Oil Burners.

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5 feet 6 inches,	copper, .	$38.00.
5 feet,	copper, .	36.00.
5 feet 6 inches,	zinc, . .	32.00.
5 feet,	zinc, . .	30.00.

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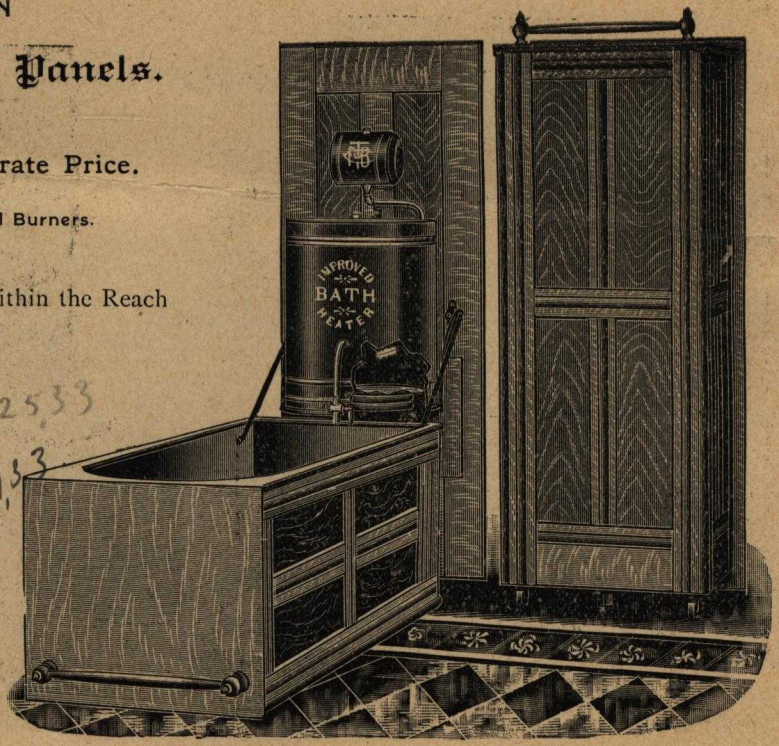
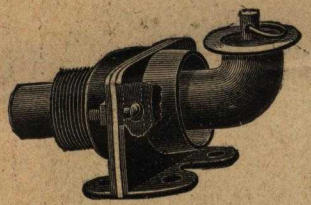


OUR Baths are all of modern design, standard in size, 5 ft. and 5 ft. 6 in. in length, lined with extra heavy zinc or copper. The cabinets are made of hardwood lumber, thoroughly kiln-dried and finished in a strictly first-class manner throughout. The two side hinges that connect the foot of tub to the back of Heater, in connection with rollers at bottom, allow an easy and partially automatic movement



The Waste Water Connection

This is one of the most important features of our invention. It consists of two iron flanges being respectively flat on one side and the other two sides bell shape to allow the waste pipe to enter, and a wrought iron nipple to connect to pipe running out of doors. Between these two flanges is a rubber gasket with a hole smaller than the largest diameter of the waste pipe, which is made of brass and tapers so as to force its way into the gasket as the tub is let down in position for a bath, and to disconnect itself when folded up out of the way, making an ingenious and lasting connection. No hose to always be giving out.

The Heater resting on the brackets is made of the best galvanized iron and has water capacity for warming 20 gallons of water to any temperature desired, and is illustrated hereafter.

The Floor Space required for our 5 foot bath when unfolded ready for use is 6 feet 6 inches in length and less than 2 feet wide, and when folded up, less than 2 feet square and 5 feet 6 inches high. Shipping weight 130 lbs. on which we get very low freight rates.

The Sanitary Bath Chair

IS the best known means for the preservation and improvement of health, and for the prevention or cure of disease, and it effects these results by the production and maintenance of a healthy skin, which can only be done by opening and cleansing the millions of pores in its surface.

Following its direct influence upon the skin, this bath exerts a secondary and most salutary effect upon almost all the organs of the body, and thus becomes perhaps the most powerful agent for the prevention and cure of disease. Those who cultivate its habitual use are by it rendered very little liable to the attacks of epidemic and infectious disorders, while they generally enjoy almost perfect immunity from coughs and colds. Where disease has established itself, it is seldom that this bath fails to afford relief, while for many disorders it is an almost certain cure.

The undoubted occasional danger of exposure from which many shrink is obviated by the use of the Bath Chair, which can be brought directly to the patient's bedside. It is the most practical and easy method of obtaining the great benefits to be derived from medical baths of all kinds, including hip, foot, sulphur, alcohol, mustard, salt and bran baths. By adjusting the flexible mantle which fits closely around the neck, confining all the heated air or vapors, as the case may be. The head remaining outside, all the inconvenience of impure air is removed. The head, nevertheless, perspires almost as freely as the rest of the body.

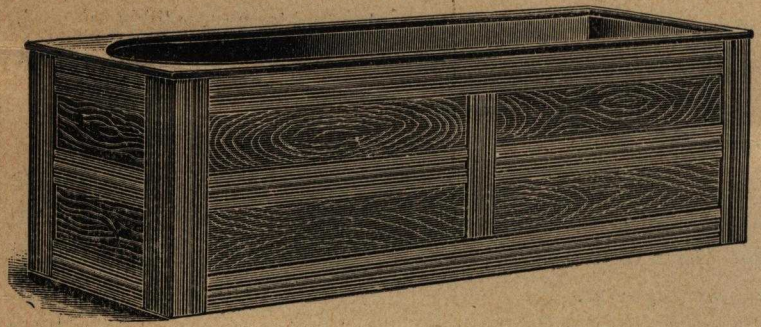
We have also a combined alcohol or gas heater that is placed inside the tub at the bottom, between the bathers feet, where it is under full control of the person taking the bath without the aid of an attendant. With this heater one can take a Turkish or vapor bath at **home** equal, if not better, than going to a regular bath house, **thus saving much time and expense.**

We particularly call the attention of physicians and all others to the fact that we have a special cabinet battery made especially for electrial treatment in connection with the Bath Chair.

It is made of galvanized iron, richly finished to represent oak, surmounted by an antique rail, and presents a neat, pleasing appearance. In height it is two feet in front, two feet and four inches in back, one foot and ten inches in width, and two feet and eight inches in length.

No. 18—Bath Chair, plain,	$ 8.00
" 19—Bath Chair, with flexile mantle,	10.00
" 20—Bath Chair, with flexile mantle and combined heater	12.00
" 21—Bath Chair, with flexile mantle, combined heater and cabinet battery	20.00

French Pattern Stationary Tubs.



PANEL CASES

FINISHED.

5 feet 6 inches, copper lined, $22.00.
5 feet, copper lined, 20.00.
5 feet 6 inches, zinc lined, . 15.00.
5 feet, zinc lined, . 14.00.

PLAIN CASES

UNFINISHED.

5 feet 6 inches, . $15.00—Copper.
5 feet, . . . 13.50—Copper.
5 feet 6 inches, . 9.50—Zinc.
5 feet, . . . 8.00—Zinc.

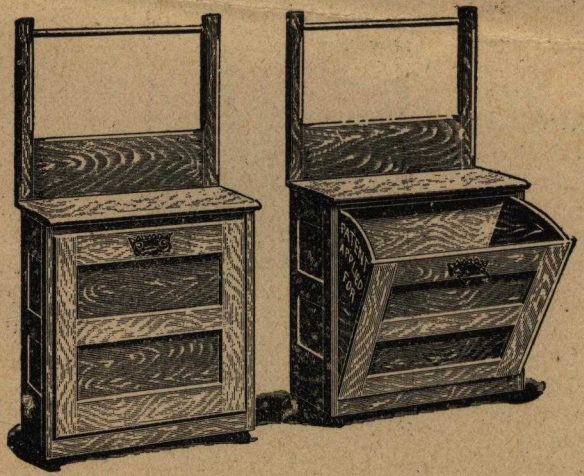
Improved Bath Heater.

HAVING recently perfected a valuable improvement in our Bath Heater used in connection with our Folding Baths, and seeing the necessity of a cheaper as well as a less complicated standard bath heater, we have placed it on the market to be used in connection with the stationary bath and feel confident that it will find its way into many homes, and thereby become a great favorite.

It consists of an eliptical coil constructed of 5-8 inch copper tubing attached to the bottom of heater in such a way as to cause the water to circulate as soon as the burners are lighted and at the same time allowing the flame to come in direct contact with the bottom of heater, thus causing the water to warm both by radiation and circulation at the same time, making it superior to any bath heater now on the market. In connection with this coil we employ a three-way cock that is so arranged that by raising a lever the circulation through the heater can be shut off and the water drawn through the coil directly into the bath; by so doing the water is raised 20°. This heater is arranged to burn either gasoline, gas or oil. Will warm 20 gallons of water in from 15 to 25 minutes and can be used in connection with water service or otherwise.

Hamper and Toilet Case Combined.

NO BATH ROOM IS COMPLETE WITHOUT IT.



ALWAYS READY TO RECEIVE YOUR SOILED LINEN.

Price $5.00.

A Most Convenient Article.

THE foregoing cut represents the only Hamper for **soiled clothing** ever brought out in the shape of a handsome piece of furniture. Heretofore this much needed article has always been made in a basket or bag form and tucked away in some remote corner or in the closet where it is not accessible and becomes a stumbling block for every member of the household. Our invention can be placed in either bath or sleeping room, affording as it does a Toilet Case in connection, which makes it doubly useful and at the same time beautifies the room.

The cabinets are handsomely designed; made of ash with natural or antique finish, 17 inches deep, 28 inches wide and 30 inches high, aside from the Wall Splasher. The Hamper itself being 16 inches wide, 24 inch long and 24 inches deep inside measure, having ample room for an extra large washing and is so arranged as to open and close at the slightest touch.

To avoid the objection of shutting the clothes up too closely we have arranged a ventilating flue at top of Hamper in rear 2½ inches by 24 inches, which gives them free circulation at all times. This combination is sure to find its way in every furniture and novelty store in the country. Being able to manufacture only a limited number in connection with our other specialties, which we have already created a large demand for, we would advise dealers to place their orders early and for not less than one-fourth dozen lots, as the freight would be no more than on a single one.

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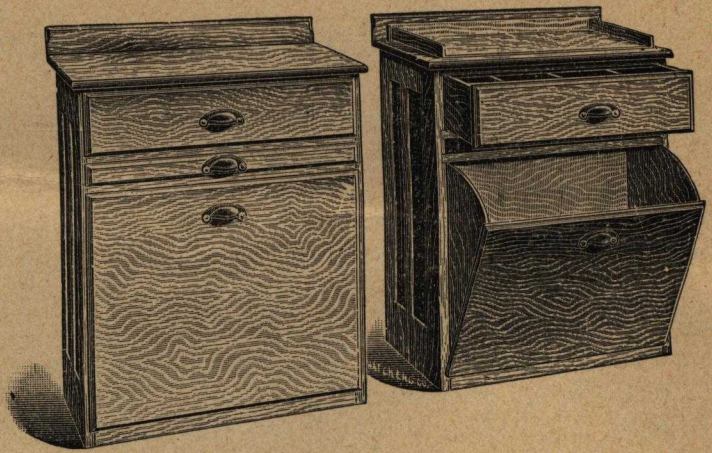
Kitchen Pride.

An Indispensible Article for the Household.



A nicely finished cabinet with drawer containing two large compartments for rolling pin, spoons, knives, forks, napkins, etc., and eight smaller ones for salt and spices. It also contains a large flour bin with a capacity of 100 lbs. of flour, and a kneading board that slides in at top of flour bin and can be removed and placed on top of Cabinet for mixing bread, pies and cake.

These Cabinets are made in two sizes of thoroughly seasoned stock, finished in antique and present a handsome appearance. The small size, same as shown above, is 30 inches high, 26 inches wide and 20 inches deep, and is intended for city and town people. The larger size is same height and depth, but twice the length, having two drawers and two flour bins, and is intended more especially for farmers' use.

You could not please your wife, mother or sister better than to present her with one of our Kitchen Prides. Agents wanted in every city and town. Price $5.00.

TESTIMONIALS

Limited space prevents our giving more than a few of the hundreds of testimonials we are weekly in receipt of:

CHICAGO, Ills., March 22, 1895.
Folding Bath Tub Co., Marshall, Mich.:

GENTLEMEN—Having handled your goods for the past two years with remarkable success, selling upwards of two hundred Bath Tubs, about the same number of Kitchen Prides and a large number of Clothes Hampers, we write to inform you that we want to handle them again this season. We have never received a single complaint from a customer to whom we have sold one of your make of Tubs, and no discount others could offer on theirs would induce us to discontinue yours with this record. Hurry forward your 1895 catalogue. Yours truly,

SHERER BROS.
S. J. Sherer Sec. and Treas., 37 River Street.

WEEDSPORT, N. Y., Mar. 26, 1895.
Folding Bath Tub Co., Marshall, Mich.:

GENTLEMEN—I have sold about 25 Folding Bath Tubs since last November, when I commenced to handle them, to say nothing of the Heaters and Bath Chairs I have sold. Everyone I sell, sells another one for me. I am entirely out of catalogues now. Will send in a good order soon as I have several sold for a little later delivery. Yours truly,

E. E. RUST & CO.

SOUTH GARDNER, Mass., Mar. 25, 1895.
Folding Bath Tub Co., Marshall, Mich.:

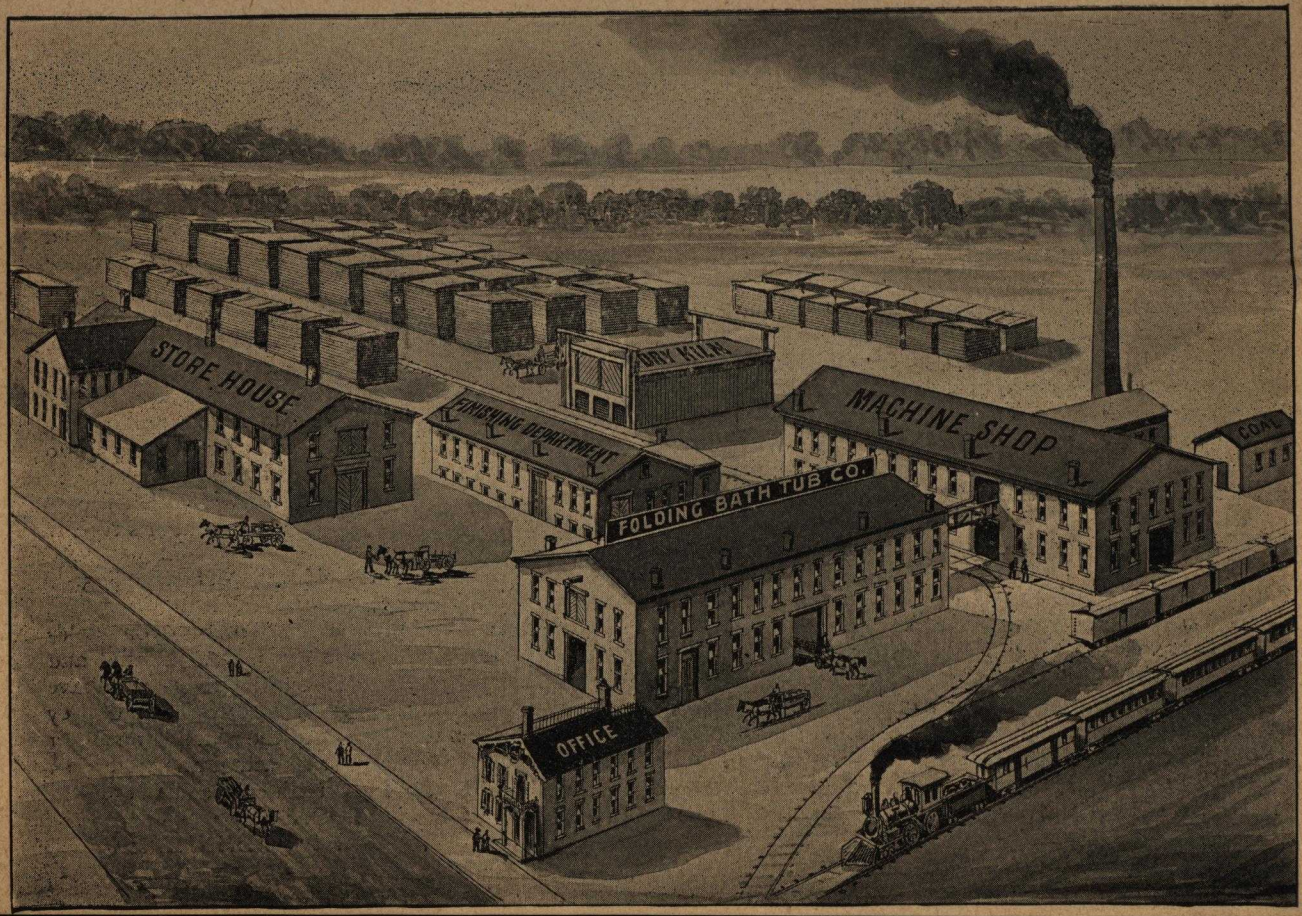
GENTLEMEN—Your favor of the 21st at hand saying your new catalogue was nearly ready for the press. If this reply reaches you in time and you so desire you may state that I have purchased during the past two seasons 160 of your Folding Bath Tubs and they are all giving excellent satisfaction. I also use one of them in my own house and like it very much. I have several more sold for spring delivery and you may expect another order for from 15 to 20 in a few days. Yours respectfully,

C. E. LOVEWELL,
Manufacturer's Agent.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 26, 1895.
Folding Bath Tub Co., Marshall, Mich.:

GENTLEMEN—We have been handling your Folding Bath Tubs now for the past seven months, and we are happy to say that all our customers who have purchased them are more than pleased, and they cheerfully recommend them to their neighbors. Our trade on them is steadily increasing, and we expect to use several hundred before the close of 1895.

Respectfully yours,
McCORMIC, BEHNKE & CO.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